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Cornell's Small Farm Quarterly Publication. For more information on these publication, please contact 1-888-596-5329.

Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) Inviting

University of District of Columbia Agriculture Experiment Station.
The University of District of Columbia established "Vegetable Gardens to Fully Utilize the Short Growing Season of the Northeast". Contact: Dr. James Allen at 202-274-7140.

GRANTS & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI).

This notice announces the availability of \$6 million of grant funds for the RCDI program through the Rural Housing Service (RHS), herein referred to as the Agency, USDA. The deadline for receipt of application is 4 p.m. e.s.t., October 28, 2003. Contact: William Kenney at

202-720-1506 or via e-mail at: william.kenney@usda.gov.

Native American Outreach Program: Request for Applications and Request for Input.
This notice announces applicants may propose project budgets up to \$600,000. The deadline for receipt of application is 5 p.m. e.s.t., August 18, 2003. For more information, visit http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/funding/ourfund.htm.

UPCOMING

August 12, 2003 - Geneva, NY 2nd Annual New York Organic Crops and Soils Field Day. For more information, see http://www.neon.cornell.edu. or contact: Maxine Welcome at 607-255-5439.

August 14-15, 2003 - Lake Morey, VT Farm Management and Business Challenges For the Future Workshop. The workshop will focus on modern farm

business management topics. For more information, see http://www.arec.umd.edu/Policycenter/Farm-Management-and-Business-Challenges/arechome.htm

August 19-20, 2003 - Morgantown, WV Farm Management and Business Challenges For the Future Workshop. The workshop will focus on modern farm business management topics. For more information, see http://www.arec.umd.edu/Policycenter/Farm-Management-and-Business-Challenges/arechome.htm.

August 19-21, 2003 Rock Springs, PA Ag Progress Days. For more information, visit http://apd.cas.psu.edu. or contact Bob Oberheim at 814-865-2081.

August 21-22, 2003 - Erie, PA
Farm Management and Business
Challenges For the Future Workshop.
The workshop will focus on modern farm
business management topics. For more
information, see
http://www.arec.umd.edu/Policycenter/FarmManagement-and-Business-Challenges/arechome.htm.

August 26-27, 2003 - Albany, NY
Farm Management and Business
Challenges For the Future Workshop.
The workshop will focus on modern farm
business management topics. For more
information, see
http://www.arec.umd.edu/Policycenter/FarmManagement-and-Business-Challenges/arechome.htm.

August 28-29, 2003 - Lancaster, PA
Farm Management and Business
Challenges For the Future Workshop.
The workshop will focus on modern farm
business management topics. For more
information, see
http://www.arec.umd.edu/Policycenter/FarmManagement-and-Business-Challenges/arechome.htm.

September 4-5, 2003 - Kansas City, MI The Future of Contracts in Agriculture. Contact: Janie Hipp at 479-575-6935 or via e-mail at: jhipp@uark.edu.

September 16-17, 2003 - Frankfort, NY Kentucky State University Small Farm Conference.

Contact: Marion Simon at 502-597-6437 or via e-mail at: msion@gwmail.kysu.edu.

September 18, 2003 - Frankfort, NY Kentucky State University Small Farm Festival.

Contact: Marion Simon at 502-597-6437 or via e-mail at: msion@gwmail.kysu.edu.

September 15, 16, 22, 23 & 25, 2003 - Oklahoma City, OK Whole Farm Planning Workshops. For more information, see http://www.kerrcenter.com. or contact Kerr Center at 918-647-9123.

October 6-9, 2003 - San Diego, CA Survival Strategies for Small and Limited-Resource Farmers and Ranchers Conference. For more information, see http://www.rma.usda.gov/calendar/2003/october.html.

October 20, 2003 - New Brunswick, NJ Greenhouse Management: Cost Accounting and Crop Production Workshop.

The workshop will focus on software training session designed to help you better manage your greenhouse cost. Contact: Keith Wilson at 732-932-9271 or via e-mail at: kwilson@aseop.rutgers.edu.

FEEDBACK: CSREES Small Farm Program Highlights is a dialogue resource tool primarily for State Small Farm Program Coordinators and others partners who work with the small farmers and ranchers. If you have questions, information to share, comments, or interest in subscribing or unsubscribing, send to asimon@csrees.usda.gov.

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